

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

What are the people in congress and the FCC thinking? I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! My monthly bill is way too big now. The price I pay surely pays for my usage and then some. I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Why should I subsidize the big corporations any more than I already do? My taxes keep going up and my income does not keep pace. My buying power is eroded almost daily. Where is the fairness in that? Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair! The corporations are using the phone as an instrument to make more money, whereas I cannot make money on my calls to friends and family, which is all the calls I make, local or long distance.

My wireless phone is used so infrequently as to be a burden if there is another tax/fee/charge put on the cost of it. I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair! There are many people out here in the country who are just making it, and cannot stand another unfair tax, period!!!
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